

Town of Tyringham
Planning Board Meeting and Public Hearing

7:00 PM July 1, 2015

Town Hall, Tyringham, Ma 01264

Approved Minutes

In Attendance: Christina Alsop, Mike Curtin, Holly Ketron, Mark Curtin

Public Present: Becky Ferguson

Mail: Town of Tyringham Building Permit: David Clark 142 Main Rd. roof mounted solar panels

Curtesy notices: Town of Lee Public Hearing for AJT Realty Trust requesting a variance of setback requirements

Memo: New Planning Board member training by BRKC July 30 6-8PM 1 Fenn st, suite 201

Minutes of 6/17/15 were approved.

New Business: Trustees of Reservations representative Becky Ferguson from Ashintully submitted three special event requests to the board. Two were minor gatherings, and the third a wedding scheduled for October 3, 2015 11AM-4PM. Ashintully has a restriction of 35 vehicles, so a shuttle bus will be supplied for the excess and the board decided that a cop will not be necessary as all parking is on Soddam rd.. There will be a tent, music, and a caterer serving food and alcohol. The board had some questions about alcohol permits and noise regulations. Christina will check with Mimi/ Selectmen. The board also requested to see Ashintully's contract for review and thus consideration was moved to the next PB meeting July 15, 2015.

Memo from the board of Selectmen to write a summary for the town report by July 30th

Old Business: Coming up! The July 8 @ 7 PM Informational Hearing of the new proposed Energy By-laws. The board discussed expressing at the forefront of the meeting their concern of commercial development detrimental to Tyringham should town residents choose to vote down these proposed by-laws. We agreed to incorporate this concern at the hearing.

Brian Domina from BRPC has responded to some of our questions: the 100 foot height restriction for small wind should be acceptable, and the 2 acre limit for solar array sounds reasonable to him for Tyringham considering our zoning. There was continued discussion concerning the 3 versus 2 acre allowance for the solar array. Some members felt the area was too large, especially considering that 15-17 acres of cleared land is needed to surround the 3 acres. The board decided to change the proposed by-law to a 2 acre allowance and to listen to any feedback from residents on the subject.

Christina will talk to Mimi regarding setting up the public hearing for these by-laws.

The board read an article of interest to any solar enthusiasts in The Beacon www.mma.org explaining that the national grid has halted accepting interconnection applications due to having reached its net metering cap of 4 percent for private projects.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM

Our next meeting will be July 15, 2015

Respectfully submitted, Christina Alsop